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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification on page 5, beginning on line 14 as follows:

Preferably, the free swinging weight is sandwiched between a first end of the fixed weight and a first additional operative component of the exciter assembly, typically comprising one of a torque transfer element and a bearing and is restrained from substantial axial movement along the exciter shaft solely by the first end of the fixed weight and the component. A second free swinging eccentric weight may be mounted on the exciter shaft axially between a second end of the fixed weight and another a second additional operative component of the exciter assembly, typically comprising the other of the torque transfer element and the bearing, in which case the second free swinging weight is restrained from substantial axial movement along the exciter shaft by the second end of the fixed weight and the another component, respectively. As is apparent from the above, mounting hardware such as retaining rings do not form operative components of an exciter assembly.